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Office Action Summary	Application No.		Applicant(s)	
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	Alicia Chevalier		1772	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 4-8 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-3 are pending in the application, claims 4-8 are withdrawn from consideration.

Election/Restrictions

2. Applicant's election without traverse of Group I, claims 1-3, in the reply filed on July 25, 2005 is acknowledged.

3. Claims 4-8 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on July 25, 2005.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Huang (U.S. Patent No. 5,571,051) in view of Huang (U.S. Patent No. 6,663,500).

Regarding Applicant's claim 1, Huang '051 discloses a grip belt (*golf club grip, title*) comprising a nonwoven fabric base material (*felt, col. 4, line 14*) having a plurality of through holes through top and bottom sides thereof (*figure 2*), an elastic polyurethane cover layer (*col. 4, line 4*) bonded to the top side of said nonwoven fabric base material (*figure 2*), a plurality of small

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air holes formed in the elastic polyurethane cover layer adjacent to the nonwoven fabric base material (*figure 2*) and a plurality of air cells formed in the elastic polyurethane cover layer within and around the through holes (*pores, col. 3, line 53 and figure 12*).

Huang '051 fails to disclose that the through holes are filled up the through holes.

Huang '500 discloses an all weather composite grip for golf clubs (*title*) comprising a felt base material with polyurethane cover layer (*col. 3, lines 54-57*). The polyurethane covers and impregnates the felt (*col. 5, lines 54-56*).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to impregnate the felt with polyurethane as taught by Huang '500 in Huang '051 in order to improve the weatherability of the grip.

Regarding Applicant's claim 2, Huang '051 discloses that the grip belt further comprises a plurality of recessed portions (*tread, col. 4, line 34*) formed in one side of the elastic polyurethane cover layer opposite to the nonwoven fabric base material corresponding to the through holes (*figure 5*).

Regarding Applicant's claim 3, Huang '051 discloses that the through holes are formed in the nonwoven fabric base material subject to a predetermined pattern (*figure 3*).

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alicia Chevalier whose telephone number is (571) 272-1490. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon, can be reached on (571) 272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alicia Chevalier', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alicia Chevalier
Primary Examiner
9/30/05